



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| <b>Applicant(s):</b> | Anneli Torronen, et al.   | <b>Examiner:</b>  | Anish Gupta  |
| <b>Serial No.:</b>   | 10/617,974  | <b>Art Unit:</b>  | 1654         |
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| <b>For:</b>          | USE OF BETAINES IN<br>FUNCTIONAL<br>PRODUCTS HAVING<br>BLOOD PRESSURE<br>LOWERING EFFECTS | <b>Conf. No.:</b> | 4053         |
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**Sir:**

In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2006, applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the above-captioned application:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

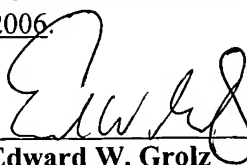
**Remarks/arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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